**Central Assistance to fruits/vegetables based industries in Tamil Nadu**

1263. SHRI R.T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government are providing any assistance to the industries based on fruits/vegetables in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided during each of the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries have plan schemes for grant of financial assistance to the industries based on fruits/vegetables. However no such proposal has been received for grant of financial assistance for setting up of fruit and vegetable industries in Tamil Nadu.

(b) Does not arise.

**Food processing by Pepsico**

1264. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount of food processing achieved by the Pepsico so far ;

(b) whether Government are aware that Pepsico Costs towards fruit processing have quadrupled;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) M/s. Pepsi Foods Limited has informed that the food items manufactured by them including those in the premises leased by them for different periods upto 31-12-1991 are given is the statement annexed (*See* below) The company has informed that there is no significant change in the cost of processing of fruits and costs have remained according to plan.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Statement**

| Period | Production | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Snack Food (M.ton) | Fruits/ Veg. Products (M.ton) | Soft drink Concentrate (Units) | Rice (M.ton) | Sea (M.ton) | Tea (M.ton) |
| Upto 31-3-90 . . . | 87 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1-4-90– 31-3-91 . . | 269 | 29·7 | 4130 | 360·7 | 96 | 110 |
| 1-4-91–31-12-91 . . | 360 | 2635 | 6497 | 1482·44 | .. | 114·09 |